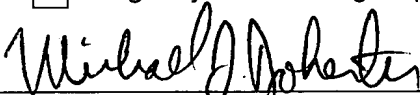
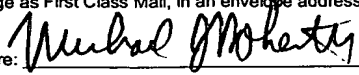


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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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